

## **CROSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting held 8 December 2010 at 7.30 pm in The Old School, Croston.

Present Cllrs A Peet (Chairman), K Almond, R Baker, J Forrest, S Parkinson and G Stubbs.

Also present Mr S Wellerd, Chairman of Chorley Civic Society, and 2 Members of the Public.

### 146.10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors C Gibbons, S Mosalski and B Thompson and Borough Councillor D Dickinson.

### 147.10 Disclosure of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None declared.

### 148.10 Minutes of Meeting held 16 November 2010

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 149.10 Public Participation

Resolved: Standing Orders be suspended to allow Members of the Public to speak

Mr Wellerd provided information regarding the Civic Society, which provides recognition for local schemes in the form of bi-annual Awards Certificates. The Society is looking for new members.

### Residents Points of Interest

A resident mentioned that all planning applications which will impact on the village infrastructure should be opposed. Also the effect of development further back along the sewage system impacting on the village should be taken into account. The resident queried whether the County or Borough Council would provide grit bins, particularly for the area around Coronation Court. Concerns were also expressed that the latest Community Flood Plan Meeting appeared to provide a forum for the statutory bodies to try to abdicate responsibility.

Resolved: Standing Orders be restored.

### 150.10 Financial Matters

Councillors considered the financial update and bank reconciliation.

Resolved: the financial update be received and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the following payments be approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements:

£ 434.06	Employee 1	Salary
£ 320.76	Employee 2	Salary
£ 80.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 415.75	Employee 2	Reimbursements
£ 15.00	Croston Old School	Room hire
£ 395.00	Minuteman Press	Newsletter printing
£ 33.95	Galaxy Print	Workwear

### 151.10 Planning Matters

10/01008/FUL Dismantling and re-siting of stable block to accommodate 3 horses (incorporating tack room, hay and feed store and sand roll), associated hardstanding and new access from Turflands (re-submission of previously withdrawn application 10/00108/FUL) at Land North Of Turflands and 40m East Of 9 Drinkhouse Road.

Councillors had no comments in respect of this application.

152.10 2011-2012 Precept

Suggestions for items for consideration during the setting of the precept were discussed. Suggestions included a speed indicator device which logged data and traffic speeds and additional litter bins.

153.10 Winter Gritting

Information received from the Council's insurers regarding gritting and snow clearance was considered. Once a clearance programme has been implemented it must be maintained for the whole period there is snow or ice. As any gritting regime would require regular and constant gritting until the end of the cold period it was felt the Council does not possess the staff resources to carry this out.

154.10 Bus Services

A report from a recent meeting with Lancashire County Council Officers, Lancashire Constabulary and the service provider was received. Additional bus stops on Highfield Road (eastbound near the Mill Hotel), opposite Bishop Rawstone's entrance and on Town Road (both sides in the vicinity of Coffee Cottage) were suggested.

Following a previous request, as from 30 January 2011, Service 112 will be revised to operate clockwise around the village. This will enable users to access the village in both directions in conjunction with Stagecoach Service 7, between Chorley and Croston, which will continue to operate anti-clockwise around the village.

155.10 Reports from Outside Bodies (for information only)

No reports.

156.10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 January 2011.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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